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International Day of Charity

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[1] which states that recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Recalling the goals and objectives of the Declaration[2] and Programme of Action[3] on a Culture of Peace,

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries and General Assembly resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years,

Reaffirming also the recognition, set forth in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[4] adopted by the Heads of State and Government at the Millennium Summit, of the fundamental value of solidarity to international relations in the twenty-first century,

Deeply concerned that poverty persists in all countries of the world, particularly in developing countries, regardless of their economic, social and cultural situation,

[1] Resolution 217 A (III).
[2] Resolution 53/243 A.
[3] Resolution 53/243 B.
[4] See resolution 55/2.

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Recognizing the work done by Member States and the United Nations system and the role of charity, in the struggle to overcome poverty, in alleviating humanitarian crises and human suffering within and among nations,

Affirming that charity may contribute to the promotion of dialogue among people from different civilizations, cultures and religions, as well as of solidarity and mutual understanding,

Recognizing the efforts of charitable organizations and individuals, including the work of Mother Teresa,

1. *Decides* to designate 5 September as the International Day of Charity;

2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to commemorate the International Day of Charity in an appropriate manner, by encouraging charity, including through education and public awareness-raising activities;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system.